

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

LIOU et al.

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For: Structure For ESD Protection With Single
Crystal Silicon Sided Junction

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed Aug. 13, 2001 (Paper No. 9), has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKSPresent Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected all presently-pending claims 1-16 and 18-21. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claims 1-16 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (U.S. Patent 6,118,154) in view of Hu et al. (U.S. Patent 6,121,077), Erdeljic et